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EVENT CALENDAR

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AUGUST

- 2 TRCR Monthly Meeting, Northgate Cycle, Rt. 19 Cranberry
- 15 TRCR BENEFIT RIDE FOR CHUCK SMITH, SLIPPERY ROCK DUNES
- 22 Ramey Fire Co. Poker Run, www.rameyfireco.freeservers.com
- 28 Blue Knob Fire Co. Run on the Mountain, www.blueknobfire.com

SEPTEMBER

- 5 Steel City MX National
- 11 Redbank Valley Poker Run, New Bethlehem
- 12 Lilly Fire Dept Poker Run, www.lillyfiredept.com
- 13 TRCR Monthly Meeting, site to be announced
- 19 TRCR ANNUAL SUMMER PICNIC, SLIPPERY ROCK DUNES
- 19 Ramey Fire Co. Poker Run, www.rameyfireco.freeservers.com
- 19 Tri-County ATV Poker Run, www.tricountyatv.com
- 25 Mountain View at Edinboro Ski Resort ATV Rally, www.skimview.org
- 25 Rumble On The Ridge, www.rumbleontheridge.homestead.com

26 Madera Fire Co. Poker Run, www.maderafireco.com

THREE RIVERS COMPETITION RIDERS

President: *Steve Stiller* Vice President: *Celine Nista* Treasurer: *Nicholas Milan*
Secretary: *Jeff Pflugh* Legislative Affairs/USFS Liaison: *Mike Babusci*

GREETINGS FROM THE BACK OF THE PACK

Before getting to the business of the club, there are two big items on our plate. First is the situation with long time member **Chuck Smith**. Anyone who knows Chuck will surely acknowledge him as one of the nicest guys around and also a deceptively fast rider in the woods. At the last meeting, Dave Nicklas let us know that Chuck came down with a case of pneumonia which lead to some blood problems. Unfortunately, since then, Chuck's situation has deteriorated to include kidney, spleen and then heart problems requiring open heart surgery last week. Chuck continues to be on dialysis in Presby Hospital in Pittsburgh. And meanwhile, his wife and family are in a situation where help is needed inasmuch as they are looking toward an anticipated long recovery period with little income. Knowing that Chuck is the kind of guy to help any of us on the trail as well as along the road to life, the club officers and board members are compelled to help out and we hope that the general membership will as well.

For starters, at the next meeting at **Northgate Cycle on Monday, August 2nd**, we will be raffling off some items and perhaps pass the hat to benefit the Smiths. More importantly, with the help of **John Huselton at Slippery Rock Dunes**, (www.slipperyrockdunes.com for info) who has graciously provided us with a discount, the club has scheduled a **Benefit Ride for Chuck Smith on Sunday, August 15**. Admission will be \$15 per rider with all net proceeds going to the Smith family. Any additional donations are welcome. You do NOT need to be a member to attend this event so come out with your riding buddies. The club will be selling food and raffling off cool stuff. And, again, all proceeds go to the Smith family.

Member Jim Seibert recently made a trip to

Slippery Rock Dunes, got the grand tour, and was actually quite impressed with the site. Jim says the trails are tight and twisty, there's a huge sand area for drags or kids play riding, a MX course, hillclimb and perhaps most importantly lots of trees and shade that make for an enjoyable picnic environment.

Thanks go to Jim and club president Steve Stiller for putting together the benefit event for Chuck. Let's all turn out and make this a success for the Smith family.

As for the second big item on our plate – so impressive is the Slippery Rock Dunes site, that an executive decision was made to go ahead and have the annual picnic there. The **TRCR Annual Summer Picnic is set for Slippery Rock Dunes on Sunday, September 19**. Help is needed! Please come to the August and September meetings to help make this event as much fun as in years past. Since the SRD outdoor park offers the kind of variety that appeals to members and their families with lots of riding opportunities – hare scramble loop, MX, hillclimb, sand-drag etc., as well as a nice lake for fishing and a cool picnic area, this decision seemed easy.

On to our last meeting which was at Cross Roads Cycle - and thanks to the folks at Cross Roads for the great pizza and hospitality. Be sure to check out their shop, as they are one of the best stocked in terms of parts in the area. The team of Mike and Mike behind the parts counter are likely to have everything you want and if you were at last months meeting and visited the parts counter, you got a special one-time big discount card to use on parts. If not, then why in the world aren't you at the meetings?

Our Legislative Officer, Mike Babusci, was on hand to give us some new info on insurance

issues including Trail Pass, an insurance outfit from New York that specializes in insuring clubs like ours and making trails available to riders all over the northeast. More on that next meeting. Mike also informed us of the status of a new limited liability bill that Governor Rendell recently signed into law. This law essentially makes off-road riding on a par with snow skiing, which will eventually result in insurance companies being able to write policies at a better rate.

It's issues like insurance and riding areas that contribute to unusually low turnout at meetings and overall membership lately. And if you haven't paid your dues for the year, this will most certainly be your last hardcopy newsletter. The biggest reason we have continued to mail newsletters out to former members is to try to bring riders back into the club.

New members come with new riding opportunities and boy did we witness one this past month! Representatives from the club were invited to go tour the new **Rock Run Recreation Area** in St. Lawrence, PA. This site promises to be the first step in Pennsylvania putting together a Hatfield-McCoy like riding area on private land in Pennsylvania. It appeared that well over 100 riders from all over the state were on hand for this inaugural event – and from the start, we could tell this is a very serious venture. The site is about halfway between Indiana and Altoona so it is not really far from any TRCR member – less than 2 hours drive. Dignitaries were on hand at the inaugural event to welcome us and give us some history of how this site was acquired. PA **State Representative Gary Haluska**, who has long been a friend of the off-roader, welcomed us and told us how the Cambria County Conservation and Recreation Authority received a \$2 million grant from the DCNR to help purchase the land. **DCNR Secretary Michael DiBerardinis** was also on hand and promised this site is only the beginning, as the state moves toward taking seriously the need for trails and the workability of making these trails happen on private land. Secretary DiBerardinis even rode an ATV for the first time at the event.

And our old friend, **Adam Mattis**, formerly of

the Allegheny Ridge Corp./Project Ridge RIDER and now working for the DCNR, was also present. Adam has worked for years to make a project like this a reality and our collective hats are off to him for his efforts.

The land is 6,000 acres of old strip mine – now mostly wooded - in Cambria and Clearfield Counties and wow, is it a great piece of land for off-roading. You name it, it's got it – wide open vistas on mountain tops, valleys, hills, rolling woods etc. And, Rock Run even has on site the Appalachian Lady, the very Bucyrus Erie walking dragline that mined the area. It is one HUGE machine. For some good photos on the Lady on the net, go to www.stripmine.org/lady/lady_01.htm and you'll see that she is one serious piece of earth moving equipment. The Lady is likely to be one of the centerpieces or even trailhead at Rock Run and on the day of our inaugural ride, we had a great lunch there. Quite the good time.

The ultimate plan is to put in about 150 miles of A, B and C trail, as well as MX courses for bikes, quads and minibikes at Rock Run and we understand that Don Clymer from the Warren office of the US Forest Service, may be called upon to design some of the trail. Don has done a great job of putting in new twisty trail on the Marienville Bike Trail over the past several years so if Don puts it in, I'm sure we're gonna like it.

As for the ride itself, it only took about 5 minutes into the woods for club president Steve Stiller, treasurer Nick Milan, board member Jim Seibert and secretary Jeff Pflugh to realize that Rock Run ROCKS. Seriously, every kind of trail opportunity is available at Rock Run to make for tight woods trails as well as easy twisties for the C riders. It will be interesting to see this come together over the next year.

Also at the June TRCR meeting, the club voted unanimously to waive in for an automatic lifetime membership anyone who has been a member for 25 years. At this point, that includes, at least, Don Adams, Dave Nicklas and Nick Milan. Please advise if you have been a member for 25 years and you will be awarded lifetime membership for free.

So, see you at the next TRCR meeting **on August 2nd at Northgate Cycle in Cranberry** where we will be helping out Chuck Smith and

planning our summer picnic. And, take note that the September meeting will NOT be on the first Monday of the month since that will be Labor Day. Instead, the September meeting will be on

September 13th at a site to be decided at the August meeting. In the meantime, we'll see you in the woods.

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